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SUBJECT: CONGESTION AT PORT OF LEIXOES

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1. THERE IS LITTLE CONGESTION IN THE PORT OF LEIXOES AT THE PRESENT TIME BECAUSE OF SEASONAL SHIPPING LULL AND TEMPORARY CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

2. FOLLOWING AND EXTENDED PERIOD OF HEAVY CONGESTION THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS AND IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER CONGESTION DURING WINTER SEASON, LOCAL SHIPPING COMPANIES AND AGENTS NOW CONSIDER THAT FIRST CONGESTION SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT APPLIED SEPTEMBER 1 IS WARRANTED. DIFFICULTIES AT LEIXOES ARE WELL DOCUMENTED (REFTEL B). THERE IS NO RELIEF IN SIGHT UNTIL CURRENT MODERNIZATION PHASE AT LEIXOES IS COMPLETED POSSIBLY BY THE END OF 1977. PROBLEMS ARE MOST ACUTE FOR CONTAINER SHIPS, BULK CARGO VESSELS AND LOG CARRIERS.

3. PAST AND ANTICIPATED CONGESTION DOES NOT, HOWEVER, JUSTIFY SURCHARGE INCREASE TO 15 PER CENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER

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